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**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY AWARDS OVER \$250,000 IN  
LAND CONSERVATION AND RECREATION GRANTS**  
*Five not-for-profit organizations to receive funding*

Today, Robert W. Gollidge, Jr., Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) announced the following organizations will receive Conservation Partnership Grants for Fiscal Year 2007:

- The Greater Worcester Land Trust (\$45,000) for the acquisition of a conservation restriction on 33 acres of land located in the City of Worcester.
- The Brewster Conservation Trust (\$32,442) for the acquisition of 4 acres of land located on Rafe's Pond in the Town of Brewster.
- The Essex County Greenbelt Association (\$45,000) for the acquisition of 46 acres of land located in the Common Pasture in the Town of Newbury.
- The Mattapoissett Land Trust (\$45,000) for the acquisition of 106 acres of land located on Brandt Island Cove in the Town of Mattapoissett.
- The Massachusetts Audubon Society for the acquisition of 30 acres of land adjacent to the High Ledges Wildlife Sanctuary in the Town of Shelburne (\$39,250) and for the acquisition of 25 acres of land adjacent to the North River Wildlife Sanctuary in the Town of Marshfield (\$45,000).

"Our mission at EOEA is to conserve and protect the environmental resources of the Commonwealth," said Gollidge. "I am happy to know our efforts will protect such an extensive amount of property. These types of grants help to ensure our water supplies are protected and children in the future will have open space for recreation."

Grants were awarded to assist not-for-profit corporations in acquiring interests in lands suitable for conservation or recreation purposes. This program requires the not-for-profit corporation to grant a perpetual conservation restriction to either the city or town in which the project is located, or a state agency, and that the project provide appropriate public access. Projects were evaluated and selected on their ability to conserve biodiversity, protect water quality, promote recreational opportunities, and conserve working farms and forests.

In this round of Conservation Partnership grants a total of \$251,692 was awarded in grant assistance to support the permanent protection of over 244 acres of land in six municipalities.